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Dear Alan:

Recently we have received several memoranda and one or two letters from you which will be answered in official memoranda to you in the near future.

However, I should like to write you personally and express my gratification with the manner in which you have handled the Cairo assignment to date. I concur wholeheartedly in everything that you have done thus far. It has not been an easy job and there is every indication that you have handled all of the details in a most commendable manner.

While I have absolute confidence in your ability to make these changes in such manner as to insure the continued good will and cooperation of the American Embassy and other officials in Cairo, I should like to inject a note of caution on this score. Whatever may have been wrong with the Cairo station, and I am sure that there was plenty, [] had been successful in obtaining their cooperation, and at his recent hearing before the Efficiency Rating Committee, produced a letter of commendation or comparable document from almost everyone of any importance at the Embassy. I should like to repeat that I do not have the slightest doubt about your ability to handle this seemingly delicate situation and I will back you up all the way in making any reasonable change in the reorganization of that station. However, I should like, if possible, to do it in such a manner as will be pleasing and acceptable to the Embassy and other officials. Our stay there is a short one, and we should not like to lose any friends in that quarter.

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I appreciate very much your report on the situation which you found and which I might well have used at [] efficiency rating hearing. My efficiency report was sustained and it was not necessary

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To [redacted]

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to bring either you or [redacted] into the picture. However, [redacted] has indicated that he intends now to carry the matter to Civil Service. Obviously, knowing exactly what I am going to say, he might be in a better position to defend himself. If so, the information which you furnished and which [redacted] furnished will be used to good advantage, and it is information which, to the best of my knowledge and belief, [redacted] does not know that I possess. I am sure that you will be interested to know that [redacted] has resigned, effective August 30, 1948.

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Please tell Helen that Sue and I both appreciate very much her long informative letter, and our tardiness in answering is certainly not an indication of our appreciation. Please give my regards to your family and to the other members of the staff.

Sincerely,

L. K. White

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